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SUBJECT: NEW TIMES ON CSCE

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1. SUMMARY. ARTICLE ON RECONVENING OF CSCE BY M. LVOV IN WEEKLY NEW TIMES (NO. 2) TAKES HARD STAND ON INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, BASKET THREE, AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON PRINCIPLES, LVOV IS GENERALLY UPBEAT, BUT HE NOTES SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES REMAIN ON INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS. HE SAYS THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PERPETUATING POLITICAL INSTABILITY NO LONGER SPEAK OUT DIRECTLY AGAINST THIS PRINCIPLE, BUT NOW WANT TO WEAKEN IT BY "ARTIFICIALLY ADVANCING...THE QUESTION OF PEACEFUL TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS." POINTING TO RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY ON REDEMARKATION OF BORDER, LVOV ASSERTS SUCH REDEMARKATION OF BORDERS IS LONG ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE. HOWEVER, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH INVIOABILITY AND TO BEGIN

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FORMULATING PRINCIPLE OF INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS WITH CONDITIONS

REGARDING THEIR PEACEFUL ADJUSTMENT WOULD BE TO LEGALIZE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND EVEN TO JUSTIFY REVANCHISM. HE CONCLUDES THAT NO STATE INTERESTED IN EUROPEAN PEACE CAN ACCEPT WEAKENING OF PRINCIPLE OF INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, AND UNDERSTANDING OF THIS BY ALL IS NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. LVOV TAKES SIMILARLY HARD LINE ON CONTACTS ISSUES, MAKING STANDARD SOVIET ASSERTION THAT INCREASED CONTACTS WILL SERVE TO STRENGTHEN DETENTE ONLY IF THERE IS RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, LAWS AND CUSTOMS AND PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE QUOTES BREZHNEV AT LENGTH REGARDING SOVIET ADHERENCE TO UN PACTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, NOTING THAT SOME WESTERN STATES HAVE NOT SIGNED THEM.

4. ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION LVOV SAYS THAT CENTRAL ISSUE IS ELIMINATION OF INEQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION AMONG STATES OF EUROPE WITHOUT WHICH, HE ASSERTS, THERE CAN BE NO LARGE SCALE ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

5. ARTICLE CONCLUDES ON POSITIVE NOTE WITH OBSERVATION THAT EVEN THOUGH AFTER THREE MONTHS OF WORK DIFFERENCES STILL EXIST ON MANY ISSUES, THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN MORE PRECISELY DEFINED IS A STEP FORWARD WHICH CAN LEAD TO

JOINT SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE IN PAST SPECULATED THAT "M. LVOV" IS PEN NAME FOR LEV MENDELEVICH, STALWART OF SOVIET CSCE DELEGATION, ALTHOUGH MENDELEVICH PRIVATELY DISCLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EARLIER LVOV ARTICLE ON CSCE.DUBS

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